

REMARKS

The above-referenced patent application has been reviewed in light of an Office Action mailed on April 4, 2007. In the Office Action the Examiner objected to claim 37 as lacking antecedent basis. Additionally, the Examiner rejected claims 24-33 and 35-48 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over William et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,199,151) ("William"). Claims 34 and 49 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim Objections

The Examiner has objected to claim 37 for lacking proper antecedent basis. Applicant has amended claim 37 so the claim does have proper antecedent basis. Thus, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to remove the objection.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 103

The Examiner has rejected claims 24-33 and 35-48 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over William et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,199,151) ("William"). The Examiner has also objected to claims 34 and 49 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Thus, Applicant has included

the limitations of claims 34 and 49 and all intervening claims into each respective base claim (claims 24 and 47). Additionally, Applicant has included all of these limitations into the other two pending independent claims (claims 38 and 41). Applicant believes that due to these amendments, claims 24-32, 35-42, and 45-47 should currently be in condition for allowance. Claims 33, 34, 43, 44, 48, and 49 are currently being cancelled. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests removal of the 35 U.S.C. §103(a) rejection of pending claims 24-33 and 35-48.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that all rejections have been overcome and that all pending claims are in condition for allowance.

If there are any additional charges, please charge them to our Deposit Account Number 50-0221. If a telephone conference would facilitate the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact Derek J. Reynolds at (916) 356-5374.

Respectfully Submitted,

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